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Finally, the worker-manager system has been finding increasing acceptance, despite the initial reluctance of a considerable number of workers to commit themselves to it. By now, approximately one third of all metallurgical enterprises have accepted the worker-manager system.

METALLURGICAL OUTPUT STILL UNSATISFACTORY -- Prague, Rude Pravo, 12 Nov 50

The Czechoslovak metallurgical industry has far to go before it can compare with its counterpart in the Soviet Union. There are, however, certain bright spots on the horizon. For example, as a protest against the British refusal to grant visas to the Soviet delegation to the Second World Congress of the Partisans of Peace the Molotov Ironworks in Trinec exceeded its plan by 50 tons on 9 November, thus reaching the highest production in the installation's history. As a similar protest, the old Klement Gottwald works at Vitkovice will smelt 8,500 tons over and above the plan.

One plant which approaches Soviet standards is the new Vitkovice Ironworks, which is producing 16,000 tons above its plan for the year, and which turns out about 7 tons per square meter of hearth space every 24 hours. The new ironworks will fulfill the second year of their Five-Year Plan by 22 December.

IRON WORKERS' PRODUCTIVITY CITED -- Prague, Prace, 14 Jan 51

The workers of the Vitkovice Ironworks have pledged that by 1 May they will produce 2,000 tons of gray cast iron in excess of their plan. Instead of turning out 64 kilograms per man each hour, which was their average last year, they will aim at the figure of 70 kilograms, at the same time reducing the percentage of waste by 4.2 percent.

TESLA PLANT SAVES NONFERROUS METALS -- Prague, Prace, 6 Dec 50

Substantial savings in manufacturing costs are being made by an increasing use of domestic raw materials. The Tesla Electronics Plant, for example, is substituting silver-plated iron for imported brass in the fabrication of electric light sockets, which at the same time increases their electrical conductivity. It is estimated that, thanks to this, the plant will save 295 tons of brass in 1951, worth 10 million crowns.

NEW MARTIN FURNACE INSTALLED -- Bratislava, Lud, 24 Jan 51

Operations have recently been begun in a new Siemens-Martin furnace at the Sverma Ironworks in Podbrezova.

METALLURGICAL PLANT RENAMED -- Prague, Prace, 26 Nov 50

On 25 November, the Spojene Ocelarny Poldiny Hutí (United Steel Mills, Poldi Metallurgical Plants) in Chomutov were renamed the Zavod Julia Fucika (Julius Fucik Plant).

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